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6	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
7	WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE				
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9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,				
10	Plaintiff,	No. 2:20-cv-1736			
11	v.	COMPLAINT			
12	DEBRA HESLOP,				
13	Defendant.				
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15	Plaintiff, the United States of America, by and through its undersigned attorneys, brings				
16	this complaint against Defendant DEBRA HESLOP, and alleges the following:				
17	I. NATURE OF THIS ACTION				
18	1. Starting as early as July 2016 and continuing to the present, Defendant has				
19	conducted financial transactions with large sums of illegally obtained money, knowing that her				
20	transactions are designed to conceal the nature, source, location, ownership, and control of				
21	proceeds. Defendant's conduct includes knowingly receiving money obtained via fraud and				
22	then immediately transmitting the same money to accomplices. Defendant has transmitted				

money to and from accomplices in Nigeria, South Africa, and the United States.

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2. The United States seeks to prevent continuing and substantial injury to the United States and victims by bringing this action for a permanent injunction and other equitable relief under 18 U.S.C. § 1345. The United States seeks to enjoin the ongoing commission of banking law violations as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3322(d), including money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B), international money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(B), and structuring cash transactions to evade transaction reporting requirements in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5324(a).

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 18 U.S.C. § 1345 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345.
- 4. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is a proper venue for this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) & (b)(2) because Defendant is a resident of this District and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this Complaint occurred in this District.

III. PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff is the United States.
- 6. Defendant Debra Heslop is a resident of this District, residing in Renton, Washington. In connection with the matters alleged herein, Defendant transacts and has transacted business in this District.

IV. FACTS

A. Defendant's Ongoing Banking Law Violations

7. Defendant conducts financial transactions to benefit one or more international fraud schemes, knowing that the moneys she receives and transmits are obtained fraudulently,

knowing that her transactions are designed to conceal the schemes, and structuring her cash transactions in an effort to prevent the filing of required financial transaction reports.

Defendant receives financial compensation for this conduct, by transmitting to an accomplice slightly smaller amounts than she receives and keeping the difference for herself.

(1) Money laundering and international money laundering

- 8. Beginning at least as early as 2016, Defendant has knowingly and willingly accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from multiple sources and then transmitted most of that money to accomplices, including to locations outside the United States, such as Nigeria or South Africa.
- 9. Defendant became a victim of different internet fraud schemes in 2013 and 2014. After that time period, she began accepting money orders and other deposits from a variety of sources and then transferring much of that money to other individuals outside the United States, through money orders and other financial transactions.
- 10. Between 2016 and 2017, U.S. Bank reported that Defendant received multiple deposits from numerous out-of-state sources that had no identifiable relationship with the Defendant and then Defendant would make rapid cash or wire transfer withdrawals to different individuals in the United States, South Africa, and Nigeria. The total amount involved was approximately \$70,360. U.S. Bank closed Defendant's account in April 2017.
- 11. Between June 2016 and August 2016, Defendant loaded approximately \$19,770 on Reloadit and other prepaid credit cards. Those funds were then withdrawn across multiple ATM locations in South Africa.
- 12. Between October 13, 2017 and March 20, 2018, Defendant made a total of 19 wire transfers from two different Walmart locations in Renton and Bellevue. These transfers totaled approximately \$30,544 to a variety of payees in the United States. The average

transaction amount was approximately \$1,607 and appeared to be designed to avoid the \$3,000 Bank Secrecy Act recordkeeping threshold.

- 13. Between November 19, 2018 and February 27, 2019, Defendant made a series of rapid movement transactions involving her Wells Fargo checking account, using cashier check deposits, peer-to-peer credits, domestic wire transfers followed by cash withdrawals, outgoing wire transfers, and international debit card withdrawals, involving a total of approximately \$27,685.
- 14. Between May 20, 2019 and May 31, 2019, Defendant caused two wire transfers in the amount of \$4,000 and \$4,500 to be made to another person known to be involved with certain internet fraud schemes.
- 15. Between July 1, 2019 and August 8, 2019, Defendant's JP Morgan Chase account received multiple electronic wire transfers from suspicious sources for a total of approximately \$189,377. During this same period, multiple electronic withdrawals were made from the same account for a total of \$185,992.76 to multiple different beneficiaries with no identifiable relationship to Defendant.
- 16. On or about October 25, 2019, SunTrust Bank reported that Defendant had an unauthorized electronic ACH transfer credited for approximately \$416,227. SunTrust closed Defendant's account because of the suspicious nature of the activity.
- 17. Between February 27, 2020 and May 29, 2020, Defendant received a number of wire transfers. Following these credits, 49 cash withdrawals were made from Defendant's account for a total of approximately \$11,115. The withdrawals ranged in amounts from \$20 to \$1,005 and were conducted at Wells Fargo ATM and branch locations in Connecticut and non-

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Wells Fargo ATM locations in South Africa. There were 28 additional debit card withdrawals for a total of approximately \$21,027 through WorldRemit transfers.

(2) Structuring

- 18. Defendant engaged in conduct designed to cause domestic financial institutions to fail to file a report required under 31 U.S.C. § 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Defendant repeatedly caused and attempted to cause her cash withdrawals, and those of her relative, to be structured in amounts designed to avoid this transaction reporting requirement.
- 19. Defendant repeatedly sent a high volume of structured wire transfers. For example, between April 26, 2020, and May 19, 2020, Defendant purchased eight different money orders from Western Union at a Fred Meyer location in Renton, Washington, each one for a total of \$4,500 in order to structure the payments and avoid reporting requirements.
- 20. For further example, between October 13, 2017 and March 20, 2018, Defendant made 19 wire transfers from two different Walmart locations in Renton and Bellevue for a total of approximately \$30,544; the average transaction amount was approximately \$1,607.

B. <u>Defendant's Knowledge of Fraud; Intent to Conceal the Nature, Source, Location, Ownership, or Control of Proceeds; and Intent to Evade Transaction Reporting Requirements</u>

- 21. On information and belief, Defendant has engaged in the financial transactions alleged in Paragraphs 7 through 20 with the knowledge that the moneys she receives from and transmits to accomplices are obtained by fraud schemes or other specified unlawful activity.
- 22. On information and belief, Defendant has engaged in the financial transactions alleged in Paragraphs 7 through 20 with the intent to conceal the nature, source, location, ownership, or control of proceeds.

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23. On information and belief, Defendant has engaged in the financial transactions alleged in Paragraphs 18 through 20 with the intent to evade transaction reporting requirements.

C. Harm to the United States

- 24. The United States is suffering continuing and substantial injury from Defendant's banking law violations.
- 25. Defendant is continuing to facilitate her banking law violations. Absent injunctive relief by this Court, Defendant will continue to cause continuing and substantial injury to the United States and victims.

<u>COUNT I</u> (18 U.S.C. § 1345 – Injunctive Relief)

- 26. The United States re-alleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 28 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. By reason of the conduct described herein, Defendant has committed, is committing, and is about to commit banking law violations as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3322(d), including money laundering with intent to conceal in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), money laundering with intent to evade transaction reporting requirements in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(ii), international money laundering with intent to conceal in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(B)(i), international money laundering with intent to evade transaction reporting requirements in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(B)(ii), and structuring cash transactions to evade transaction reporting requirements in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5324.
- 28. Because Defendant is committing or about to commit banking law violations as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3322(d), the United States is entitled, under 18 U.S.C. § 1345, to seek a permanent injunction restraining all future banking law violations and any other action that this Court deems just to prevent a continuing and substantial injury to the United States.

1	29. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant's conduct should be enjoined pursuant to			
2	18 U.S.C. § 1345.			
3	VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF			
4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, United States of America, requests of the Court the following			
5	relief:			
6	A. That the Court issue a permanent injunction, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345,			
7	ordering that Defendant is restrained from engaging, participating, or assisting in money			
8	laundering, international money laundering, structuring transactions to evade transaction			
9	reporting requirements, and any money transmitting business; and			
10	B. That the Court order such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just			
11	and proper.			
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13	Respectfully submitted this 24th day of November, 2020.			
14	BRIAN T. MORAN United States Attorney			
15	s/ Nickolas Bohl			
16	NICKOLAS BOHL, WSBA #48978 Assistant United States Attorney			
17	United States Attorney's Office 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220			
18	Seattle, Washington 98101-1271 Phone: 206-553-7970			
19	Fax: 206-553-4067 Email: <u>nickolas.bohl@usdoj.gov</u>			
20	Counsel for United States of America			
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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 The undersigned hereby certifies that she is an employee in the Office of the United 3 States Attorney for the Western District of Washington and is the person of such age and 4 discretion as to be competent to serve papers; 5 It is further certified that on this day, I mailed by United States Postal Service said 6 pleading to Defendant, addressed as follows: 7 Debra Heslop 774 Queen Ave. NE 8 Renton, WA 98056-3871 9 Dated this 24th day of November, 2020. 10 Julene Delo, Legal Assistant 11 United States Attorney's Office 700 Stewart St., Ste. 5220 12 Seattle, WA 98101 13 Phone: 253-428-3800 Fax: 253-428-3826 14 E-mail: julene.delo@usdoj.gov 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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8	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	NO			
9	Plaintiff,				
10	v.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT DECREE AND FINAL JUDGMENT			
	DEBRA HESLOP				
11	Defendant.				
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13	CONSENT DECREE AND FINAL JUDGMENT				
14	Plaintiff, United States of America ("Plaintiff"), commenced the above-captioned action in				
15 th	this Court with a complaint pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, alleging that Defendant, Debra				
16 H	Heslop, is committing or about to commit a banking law violation as defined in 18 U.S.C.				
17 §	§ 3322(d), including international money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(B).				
18	Plaintiff and Defendant, pro se, wish to resolve Plaintiff's allegations without litigation and				
19 jo	jointly request and consent to the entry of this Consent Decree and Final Judgment ("Consent				
20 D	Decree") without Defendant's admission of liability or	wrongdoing. Defendant agrees to waive			
21 se	ervice of the Summons and the Complaint.				
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[PROPOSED] CONSENT DECREE AND FINAL JUDGMENT - 1 No. Defendant has entered into this Consent Decree freely and without coercion. Defendant further acknowledges that she has read the provisions of this Consent Decree, understands them, and is prepared to abide by them.

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED as follows:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter and the parties pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).
- 2. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations in the Complaint. Only for purposes of this action, Defendant admits the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
 - 3. For purposes of this Consent Decree:
 - a. "Defendant" means Debra Heslop.
 - b. "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, or any other entity.
 - c. "Funds" include any currency, check, money order, stored value card, stored value card numbers, bank wire transmission, or other monetary value.
 - d. "Money transmitting business" refers to a person who, for a fee, receives funds from one person for the purpose of transmitting the funds, or providing access to the funds, to another person.
 - e. "Fee" refers to a payment or compensation of any kind regardless of how the payment or compensation is labeled, including but not limited to processing fees, service fees, expediting fees, purchase fees, nominal fees, symbolic payments, gifts and gratuities.

1	4.	Upon entry of this Decree, Defendant is permanently prohibited and enjoined				
2	from, direc	ctly or indirectly, assisting, facilitating, or participating in any money transmitting				
3	business.					
4	5.	Within five (5) days after entry of this Consent Decree, the Defendant is ordered				
5	to submit to Postal Inspector Amy Kerkof a written acknowledgement of receipt of this Consent					
6	Decree sworn under penalty of perjury. The statement shall be addressed to:					
7	U.S. Postal Inspector Amy Kerkof U.S. Postal Inspection Service					
8		P.O. Box 400 Seattle, WA 98111				
9		206-442-6132 (desk)				
10	6.	The Consent Decree shall not be modified except in writing by Plaintiff and the				
11	Defendant and approved by the Court.					
12	7.	This Consent Decree shall constitute a final judgment and order in this action.				
13	8.	This Court retains jurisdiction of this action for the purpose of enforcing or				
14	modifying	this Consent Decree and for the purpose of granting such additional relief as may be				
15	necessary of	or appropriate.				
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1	APPROVED AND ENTERED F	BY THIS COURT
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4		HONORABLEUnited States District Judge
5	We hereby consent to the entry of the fore	egoing Decree:
6		FOR DEFENDANT DEBRA HESLOP
7		FOR DEFENDANT DEBRA HESLOT
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9		DEBRA HESLOP
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11		FOR PLAINTIFF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
12		BRIAN MORAN
13		United States Attorney
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